

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

NO

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

I have been tested 3 times, once by the Air Force, twice by sellers of aids, I know I have a hearing loss, I don't need further testing. The best way to test is to try the hearing aid, if it works, it's right!

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

NO

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

93N-0372 YES. I want to be able to try out the hearing aid before buying it. That is not always possible if you buy from a hearing aid seller. I bought my first one this way, and I had to pay about \$800. before I tried it, I still have it, but it does not work as well as my new one from Excel, for which I paid \$285 - with 45 days of free trial. nmt.

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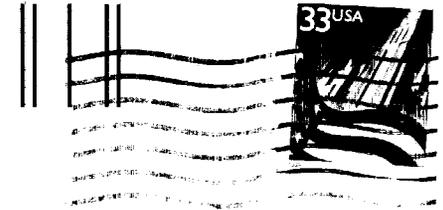
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